terms at Secunderabad and Madras have also been made available.

Plan also include provision of three more Message Switching Systems, one each at Ernakulam, Trivandrum and Calicut, 165 Electronic Key-Boards, 18 number of Electronic Key Board Concentrators and 48 number of Formatted Terminals during the next two years i.e. 1992 to 1994.

[*Translations*]

Electronic Telephone Exchanges in Delhi

7135. SHRI SATYA DEO SINGH:Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of electronic telephone exchanges installed in Delhi during 1991;

(b) the number of telephone connections released as a result thereof

(c) the number of new electronic exchanges proposed to be installed in 1992 and the number of persons likely to be provided telephone connections therefrom; and

(d) the number of persons who are in the waiting list for telephone connections,

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Nine new electronic telephone exchanges have been installed in Delhi during 1991. Of these, one is a main exchange and the other eight are RLUs (Remote Lien Units).

(b) The total number of telephone connections released during 1991 is 77964.

(c) It is planned to add 11 new digital electronic exchanges (4 Main exchanges and 7 Remote Line Units) during 1992. Besides, the existing network will also be expanded, so as to provide about 70,000 new telephone connections.

(d) The total waiting list for Delhi as on 1.4.92 is 3,17,143.

Shortage of Coal in Power Plants of Delhi

7136. SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN SHARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government have been drawn to the news-item regarding shortage of Coal for power generation in Delhi appeared in Navbharat Times, dated March 26,1992;

(b) if so, the alternative arrangement made to meet the power crisis; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI):(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). With a view to meet the situation arising out of Jharkhand Mukti Morcha agitation in March, 1992, additional coal supplies from the Northern Coal Fields Ltd., Singrauli were planned for the Thermal Power Stations in Delhi. The coal supplies to the thermal power stations in Delhi during March, 1992 was 97% of their linkage and no power crisis was faced during the period.

[*English*]

ITDC Tourism Task Force Cell

7137. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL: Will

the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what was the aim to set up tourism task force cell in the India Tourism Development Corporation during 1991; and

(b) the expenditure incurred by the Corporation on it establishment and maintenance of the Cell, till date?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) ITDC set up a Tourism Task Force Cell in May 1991 for identifying and developing new areas of tourism potential.

(b) No additional expenditure has been incurred on the salary of the employees or maintenance as the functionaries of the Tourism Task Force Cell draw their salaries from their respective Units/Divisions.

Poor Reception of T.V. Relay Centre at Idukki and Pathanamthitta Districts in Kerala

7138. SHRI PALA K.M. MATHEW: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether representations have been received from the Idukki and Pathanamthitta districts in Kerala about poor visual results of the T.V. relay stations in these two places;

(b) the action taken in this regard; and

(c) it not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Coverage of low power TV transmitters at Idukki and Pathanamthitta is limited due to the local terrain conditions. In order to increase the coverage of the TV transmitter at Pathanamthitta, it is envisaged to increase its mast height from the existing 30 Mts. to 45 Mts. Further improvement of TV coverage in Idukki and Pathanamthitta districts would depend upon future availability of resources and inter-se priorities.

Replacement of Drilling Machines in G.S.I.

7139. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) how many drilling machines in the Geological Survey of India have outlived their lives;

(b) the action taken for their replacement so far;

(c) whether the Government decided to reduce the number of drilling rigs in the Geological Survey of India; and

(d) if so, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) As on 1st January, 1992 101 Nos. of drills have outlived their lives.

(b) Funds have been provided within the budgetary constraints to Geological Survey of India for gradual replacement of old drills.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Automatic Exchanges in Porbandar Gujarat

7140. SHRI HARIBHAI M PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :